

RURAL DISTRICT OF DRIFFIELD

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

INCLUDING

REPORT

of

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1968



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DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE,
OXFORD STREET,
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October, 1969.

To the Chairman and Councillors,
Rural District of Driffield.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1968.

The Registrar General's figure for the population at mid-year 1967 was 10,370, the same as last year. There were 153 live births and 124 deaths during the year, compared with 156 births and 106 deaths in 1967. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 15.7 per thousand population is lower than the national figure of 16.9 per thousand. The adjusted death rate of 12.4 per thousand population is close to the national figure.

The causes of death follow the expected pattern, with diseases of the heart and circulation, and cancer predominating. There were three deaths of infants under one year of age.

Four cases of infective jaundice were notified. This disease became notifiable for the first time on 15th June. The notified cases are part of an extensive outbreak in Driffield Urban and Rural Districts which began in February. More than 100 cases are known to have occurred in the area, about half of them between April and July. The main outbreak was centred in an infant school, with secondary spread in the families of the children, the usual pattern for this disease. In young children the disease is usually mild and brief, and many cases may have no jaundice even though they are infected. While an adult may be incapacitated for two or three months a young child may only be ill for one or two weeks. This, however, is a problem in itself, as the period of infectivity may last at least four weeks. The child who returns to school apparently well may then transmit the infection to other children. No exclusion period has yet been laid down for school children; in my opinion it should be not less than one month.

Steady improvement in the sanitary circumstances of the area continued. Water, supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board was satisfactory in quality and quantity. Three

unsatisfactory samples were obtained from two private water supplies. Works of repair and maintenance seem to have corrected the fault in one case; in the other, the source of supply was discontinued and an alternative supply provided by the Water Board.

Work commenced on the Nafferton sewerage and sewage disposal scheme in June, and was proceeding satisfactorily at the end of the year. It was expected that work on the next two schemes namely Southburn/Kirkburn/Tibthorpe and Middleton would commence in mid 1969.

The Chief Public Health Inspector, in his section of the report, refers in some detail to the proposed improvements in the Refuse Collection and Disposal service. It was expected that by the middle of 1969 the present kerbside collection would be replaced by a weekly backdoor collection of refuse. Since June, the Driffield Rural and Urban District Councils have been operating a joint controlled tip at Hutton. The scheme is working well, and the tip is of a very high standard.

Thirty six unfit houses were dealt with during the year, five by repair and 31 by closure or demolition. At the end of the year it was estimated that 125 properties in the district were unfit and in need of action.

In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the staff of the department for their work and help during the year, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. SCHOFIELD,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	98,375
Population: 1968 Registrar General	...	...	...	...	10,370
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£202,795
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£789
Estimated number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	3,492

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Number	...	...	...	...	153
Crude Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	14.8
Adjusted Birth Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.06	...	...	...	...	15.7
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	...	3.9

Stillbirths:

Number	...	...	...	...	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	19.2
Total live and still births	...	...	...	...	156
Infant deaths (deaths under one year)	...	...	...	...	3

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	19.6
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	20.4
Illegitimate infants deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	—

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	—
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	—

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	...	...	...	—
Maternal Mortality (including abortion):	...	...	...	...	—

Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	6.4

Deaths:

Number	...	...	...	...	...	124
Crude Death Rate	...	...	...	...	...	11.9
Adjusted death rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.04						12.4
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis						1
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	0.9
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis						—
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	—
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	11
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	1.1
Deaths from Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	36
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	3.5
Deaths from Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	29
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	2.8

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS — ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTHS

Live Births	...	16.9 per 1,000 population
Still Births	...	14.0 per 1,000 total live and still births

DEATHS

Death Rate	...	11.9 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality	...	18.0 per 1,000 live births

Year	No. of Births	No. of Deaths	Population
1953	185	93	11,070
1954	176	127	11,270
1955	146	137	11,130
1956	171	129	10,960
1957	160	103	11,030
1958	175	110	10,630
1959	158	103	10,730
1960	163	112	11,270
1961	176	108	11,330
1962	191	102	11,370
1963	172	119	10,820
1964	189	122	10,350
1965	168	95	10,420
1966	177	118	10,420
1967	156	106	10,370
1968	153	124	10,370

CAUSES OF DEATH IN DRIFFIELD R.D. 1968 (R.G.)

		Males	Females
All causes	...	63	61
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	...	1	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	—	1
Cancer, Stomach	...	1	2
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus	...	4	2
Cancer, Breast	...	—	2
Cancer, Uterus	...	—	1
Leukaemia	...	—	2
Cancer, Other sites	...	6	9
Diabetes Mellitus	...	1	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	...	2	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	21	12
Other forms of Heart Disease	...	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	5	9
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	3	1
Pneumonia	...	5	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	1	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	...	1	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	...	2	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	...	1	—
Other Complications of Pregnancy, etc.	...	—	1
Congenital Anomalies	...	—	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	...	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	3	—
All Other Accidents	...	2	4

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
All other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1968

Notifiable Disease							Age unknown	Total Deaths
	Under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years		
Infective Jaundice	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—
Measles	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	55	42	—	—	1	8
Erysipelas	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED, 1958—1968

TUBERCULOSIS

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1967	20	21	2	11	54
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	... ...	1	—	—	1
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	... ...	—	—	—	—
(c) Inward transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	... ...	1	—	—	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1968	20	21	2	11	54

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Hospitals serving the District are as follows:—

EAST RIDING GENERAL HOSPITAL.

This hospital is under the East Riding Group Hospital Management Committee and admits acute general and geriatric patients. Out-patient facilities include clinics for medicine, surgery, orthopaedic surgery, gynaecology, paediatrics, oto-laryngology, chest diseases, ophthalmology, psychiatry, dermatology, radiotherapy and diabetic.

NORTHFIELD HOSPITAL.

Under the East Riding Group Hospital Management Committee this hospital admits patients suffering from chest diseases.

CASTLE HILL HOSPITAL, COTTINGHAM.

All cases of infectious diseases in the District requiring hospital care are admitted to this hospital which is in the Hull "B" Group Hospital Management Committee.

MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Cross Hill Car Park, Driffield twice monthly from the 1st April, 1968. This is a Mobile Unit and attends on the second and fourth Mondays from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 476 persons were examined during 1968.

NURSING HOMES

There are no private nursing homes in the District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

PART III ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at the Limes and Wold House. These two homes together have beds for 109 elderly persons.

SECTION 47.

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES —
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS.

A Mobile Infant Welfare Clinic, provided by the County Council visits the following villages:—

Nafferton, every four weeks, on a Wednesday

Cranswick, every four weeks, on a Wednesday

Hutton, every four weeks, on a Wednesday

Kiham, every four weeks, on a Thursday

North Frodingham, every four weeks, on a Thursday

Beeford, every four weeks, on a Thursday

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

Three Nurse/Midwives serve the District. One resides above the Victoria Road Clinic at 28 Church Street, Driffield, one at 19 Bridge Street, Driffield and one at Garton-on-the-Wolds.

HEALTH VISITING.

Two Health Visitors are resident in Driffield working in the Driffield area. Their office is at the Victoria Road Clinic, Driffield (telephone number 3158).

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service as detailed above.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in Victoria Road, Driffield (telephone number 3109).

DOMESTIC HELP.

Home Help Service which is rendered in the District is administered from County Hall, Beverley and all applications for this service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number, Beverley 881281).

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Routine Medical Inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority Schools in the District. In addition the following facilities are provided at the Victoria Road Clinic, Driffield:—

Speech therapy clinic	...	Twice per week.
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OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

BUCKROSE HEALTH DIVISIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

Once every two or three months a Co-ordinating Committee, under the aegis of the County Council meets in Bridlington to co-ordinate the work of Officers in the District who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in the own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Department of Health and Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Probation Officers, and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair of the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH RED CROSS.

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes. In the Rural Area the Depots for these requisites are:—

- Miss E. E. Wilson, "Belmont", Garton.
- Mrs. Ingham, 2 South Lane, Middleton.
- Mrs. R. Robson, Estate House, Sledmere.

WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the area, which include:—

- Meals on wheels.
- Good neighbour services.
- Darby and Joan Clubs.
- Clothing in cases of need or emergency.
- Chiropody service.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION.

The Family Planning Association hold a clinic on the second Thursday in each month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Driffield Clinic, Victoria Road, Driffield.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Driffield Rural District lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and cases requiring the services of the Society were visited by Inspector White until he retired in August, 1968. Inspector Fitton, working from Scarborough, commenced duties in August/September, 1968, and his work is much appreciated by those of us in the area concerned with child welfare.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Report by I. J. Green, M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE.

This service operated by the Women's Royal Voluntary in providing meals to the elderly, was again recognised by the Council by a contribution of £50 towards vehicle maintenance service. The service operates in the villages of Nafferton, Hutton Cranswick, Wansford, Wetwang, Garton and North Dalton.

WATER SUPPLY.

The East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board are the water undertakers for the area. The Board's offices are situated at "Easterfield House," New Road, Driffield.

WATER SAMPLES.

Samples of water from house taps, stand taps, private bores, wells and springs were taken periodically throughout the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Hull. The results being as follows:—

	No. of samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
House taps, and stand taps	24	24	—
Private bores, wells and Springs	76	73	3

The three unsatisfactory samples were obtained from two separate sources, one of which on re-examination, after the owner had carried out works of repair and maintenance, proved to be

satisfactory; the remaining unsatisfactory source was discontinued as a supply for human consumption and an alternative supply from the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board's mains was provided.

The following table indicates the number and type of water supply in each Parish:—

		No. of Houses in Parish	No. of Houses with Mains water piped into the house	No. of Houses obtaining water from stand taps	No. of Houses obtaining water from private supply
BAINTON	...	...	123	118	5
BEEFORD	...	...	248	230	15
COTTAM	...	...	30	30	—
FIMBER	...	...	46	44	2
FOSTON	...	...	112	102	1
FRIDAYTHORPE	...	...	63	63	—
GARTON	...	...	131	126	5
HARPHAM	...	...	124	100	—
HUTTON CRANSWICK	...	444	409	5	30
KELK	...	...	50	48	2
KILHAM	...	...	265	255	7
KIRKBURN	...	...	332	323	—
LANGTOFT	...	...	174	173	1
MIDDLETON	...	...	191	175	16
NAFFERTON	...	...	493	482	—
NORTH DALTON	...	...	135	135	—
NORTH FRODINGHAM	...	175	156	7	12
SKERNE	...	...	101	88	—
SLEDMORE	...	...	106	106	—
TIBTHORPE	...	...	70	69	1
WATTON	...	...	88	70	—
WETWANG	...	...	153	147	6
		3,654	3,449	73	132

Estimated Population on mains water piped into Houses	...	9,804
Estimated Population on mains water obtained from Stand taps	...	146
Estimated Population obtaining water from private supplies	...	420

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Work commenced in June on the £133,414 sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for the village of Nafferton and by the end of the year sewer laying and the construction of the disposal works were well in hand; the completion date for the contract is 4th March, 1970. In October the Council authorised the re-routing of sewers, originally proposed to be laid in private gardens in the Driffield Road/New Road area, into the public highway at an additional cost of £2,875. This re-routing of the sewers will prevent the disturbance of private gardens and save the Council from the likelihood of many complaints and claims for damages from the residents of the area in question.

During the course of sewerage the village it was found that the private sewer serving Hall Close was receiving all the surface water from the highway serving that development, and in November the Council authorised the laying of a new foul sewer to serve Hall Close at an additional cost of £3,500.

The preparation of contract documents in connection with the Southburn/Kirkburn/Tibthorpe and the Midleton sewerage and sewage disposal schemes were in hand; it is expected that these works will commence in mid-1969. No alteration has been made in the priority for sewers and sewage disposal works in the remaining villages which is as follows:-

Priority
No.

- 1 Hutton (linking with the existing Cranswick and Watton schemes).
Bainton (linking with the proposed works at Tibthorpe).
- 2 Foston (linking with the Beeford/North Frodingham schemes).
Skerne and Wansford (linking with the Nafferton scheme).
- 3 Harpham, Lowthorpe and Ruston Parva (with provision for Kelk or part of Kelk if considered appropriate).
- 4 Fridaythorpe.
Fimber.

The painting of Wetwang, Sledmere, Langtoft and North Dalton Sewage works was carried out by private contractor at a cost of £351.

The occupiers of seven premises continued to discharge trade waste into the Council's surface water sewers at North Frodingham. These occupiers were informed in July that unless the discharges were discontinued by February, 1969 it was the Council's intention to institute legal proceedings.

All sewage disposal works and pumping stations are visited regularly by full time attendants and a systematic maintenance programme carried out. Whenever possible repairs are carried out by the Council's own staff to avoid delay and expense. All motors and pumps are insured against major breakdown and an official from the Insurance Company carries out a detailed inspection of the plant twice yearly.

The regular cleansing of open drains and ditches has been carried out.

31 main sewers and 134 drains to Council Houses were cleared of blockages during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The Council continued to give contributions of half the reasonable cost of providing water closets in substitution of earth closets under Section 47 (4) of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The number of closet conversion applications and grants paid during the year are as follows:-

Type of Grant	No. of Applications	No. of W.C.s provided
Public Health Act, 1936 Sect. 47 (4)	8	13
Housing Act Improvement Grants ...	36	36
	—	—
	44	49
	—	—

The approximate numbers of the various type of closets in use at 31st December, 1968 were as follows:-

Water Closets	...	...	2,315
Pail closets and privy middens	...	...	1,431

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The kerbside collection of domestic refuse continued throughout the year at fortnightly intervals from all village centres and outlying properties on the normal vehicle routes between the villages.

The Bedford/Eagle 12 cu. yd. side-loading refuse collection vehicle was replaced in August with a Bedford/Eagle 50 cu. yd. rear-loading continuous compression refuse collection vehicle. Estimated running costs of the vehicles are as follows:-

		12 cu. yd. vehicle 7 months	50 cu. yd. vehicle 5 months
Depreciation	...	450 0 0	376 0 0
Road Tax and Insurance	...	240 0 0	122 0 0
Fuel Oil and Maintenance	...	520 0 0	187 0 0
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		£1,210 0 0	£685 0 0

The total cost of refuse collection, including the workmen's wages, is estimated at £2,399.

In June the Council resolved to purchase a further Bedford/Eagle 50 cu. yd. vehicle and to implement, on delivery, the weekly back door collection of all household refuse from the area at present served by the kerbside service and to provide and renew dustbins, when existing bins become unsuitable, to all houses served by the proposed back door collection service.

The delivery date for the new vehicle is March, 1969.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Discussions between the Council and the Driffield Urban District Council, referred to in last year's annual report, on the possibility of the two Authorities operating jointly, a fully-controlled tip for the disposal of refuse were successfully completed in January.

The agreement provided for:-

- (a) the joint tipping of refuse for a period of five years.
- (b) both Authorities to initially use the Driffield Rural District Council tip at Hutton until exhausted, after which both Authorities to use the Driffield Urban District Council's tip at Brigham.

- (c) The Driffield Rural District Council to be responsible for the control of tipping at Hutton and the Driffield Urban District Council to be responsible for the Brigham tip when this is re-opened on exhaustion of the Hutton site.
- (d) All costs to be borne initially by the Driffield Rural District Council and one half of such costs subject to a maximum of £1,200 per annum, to be repaid by the Driffield Urban District Council provided that either Authority may at the end of three years seek a review of the financial conditions.
- (e) That at the end of the initial period of five years the two Councils will review the terms in the light of the financial circumstances then obtaining
- (f) that no restrictions be placed on the volume or nature of materials to be disposed of by the Driffield Urban District Council nor on the times of tipping, provided such times are during the normal working day unless otherwise agreed by the two Authorities due to exceptional circumstances arising and subject to the reservation that the tipping of bulky items such as derelict motor vehicles shall be the subject of further discussion between the two Authorities.

Immediately the negotiations were completed the Council authorised the fencing of the Hutton disposal site, the erection of storage sheds and the purchase of an "International B.100 loader with Drott 4 in 1 bucket and operator's cab," in order that fully-controlled tipping could be put into effect at the earliest possible date.

Delivery of the B.100 Loader was made on the 20th May, 1968 and work commenced immediately on preparation of the Hutton disposal site. On the 1st June, 1968 the Council and the Driffield Urban District Council commenced joint-controlled tipping of domestic refuse at Hutton.

The total cost of refuse disposal to the Driffield Rural District Council for the remainder of the year, including wages, loan charges, plant maintenance, preparation and fencing of the site, the erection of storage sheds and provision of water supplies etc. amounted to £1,827.

The joint tipping of refuse worked well from the onset and the Hutton Refuse Disposal site is one which any Authority could be justifiably proud. The only difficulty which arose was the deposit of mud on the adjoining highway, principally after normal working hours, from the wheels of privately-owned vehicles

depositing trade waste. As a direct result of the high cost of continually removing mud from the adjoining public highway and the lack of co-operation from the public using the free facilities provided for the disposal of trade waste, in not cleaning off the vehicle wheels during periods of inclement weather before leaving the tipping area and joining the public highway, the Council resolved in December, to levy a charge of 10/- per load of trade refuse deposited and to restrict the private disposal of trade waste within normal working hours on production of written authority. The 10/- charge is to be reviewed after a period of six months in order to determine its effect.

The total costs of refuse collection and refuse disposal, per house per annum, are estimated at 24 shillings and per head of population per annum at 8.1 shillings.

At least 90% of the population are provided with a collection service.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION.

Night soil at Nafferton continued to be collected by the Council's workmen at a total cost of £271/15/10 which is chargeable to the Parish Rate. The householders in all the remaining parts of the district continue to dig the contents of pail closets into whatever land is available.

Number of septic tanks emptied:	Council Houses 77
	Private Houses 74

VEHICLES AND PLANT.

The following is a list of vehicles and plant at the Council's Depot and the plant at the various sewage works which are maintained by the Council's staff:-

Bedford/Eagle 4-ton diesel-engined refuse collection vehicle with 12 cu. yd. body.

Bedford/Eagle rear-loading continuous compression refuse collection vehicle with 50 cu. yd. body.

Two Bedford 15/17-cwt. L.W.B. vans.

Bedford 7-cwt. van.

Ford 5-cwt. van.

David Brown 880 Industrial tractor and trailer with bucket loader.

International B.100 tracked loader with Drott 4 in 1 bucket.

3-inch Wickham double diaphragm trailer pump.

2-inch lightweight portable centrifugal pump.

Two Davenset submersible pumps.

250-gallon sludge tanker with P.D.52 air compressor for attachment to tractor.

6-foot rotary scythe for attachment to tractor.

Allen motor scythe and two rotary scythes.

32 Electric motors.

27 Static sewage pumps.

6 Static compressor engines.

6 Static compressed-air sewage ejectors.

1 Static diesel motor.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following statement sets out the number and nature of inspections made, types of premises and the purpose of these visits:-

A. GENERAL SANITATION.	Inspections
Sewage Works	220
Drainage works — all types of premises ...	318
Caravans and other moveable dwellings ...	36
Licensed premises	12
Tips and refuse disposal	58
Schools	9
Knacker's yards and fellmongers ...	18

B. HOUSING.

Houses—miscellaneous visits ...	580
Houses under Public Health Acts ...	103
Houses under Housing Acts ...	506
Houses—overcrowding ...	—
Houses—verminous ...	—
Houses—Improvement Grants ...	240

C. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Injuries and disinfection of premises	21
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D. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Slaughterhouses	428
Butcher's shops	20
Food preparation premises	12
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	6
Grocer's shops	...	...	...	50
Water supplies	...	...	...	124
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	3

E. MISCELLANEOUS VISITS.

Petroleum Regulations	...	...	...	110
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	250
Factories	...	...	...	70

CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES.

Two applications for site licenses were received during the year in respect of four caravans, in both cases the applications were approved.

The number of licensed caravan sites at the 31st December, 1968 was six for a total of nine caravans.

The Clerk of the Council was authorised to institute proceedings for the purpose of securing the removal of caravans from three unlicensed sites. The removal of the caravans, however, was secured without recourse to legal action.

RODENT CONTROL.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

		Type of Property	
		Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in district	3785	692
2. (a)	Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification ...	81	30
(b)	Number infested by (i) Rats ... (ii) Mice ...	81 —	30 —

	Type of Property		
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural	
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	...	...	408
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ... (ii) Mice ...	21	4	—

A total of 1500 lbs. of rodenticide was used during the year, 670 lbs. of which was used on the Hutton refuse disposal site prior to the commencement of controlled tipping.

Warfarin is the main rodenticide used.

SEWER TREATMENTS.

The Technical Advisory Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food recommended exemption from baiting until 1969.

HOUSING.

It was estimated at the beginning of the year that 111 dwellings in the area were so sub-standard as to require clearance action. A further 50 properties were found during the year to be unfit and not capable at reasonable expense of being made fit. Five properties scheduled as a type suitable for Clearance Action were repaired and subsequently removed from the list of unfit houses.

31 houses were made the subject of Closing or Demolition Orders, thus a total of 36 properties which were classified as so unsatisfactory as to be unfit for human habitation were dealt with during the year, leaving an estimated 125 properties still in need of Clearance Action.

20 Families comprising 61 persons were re-housed in council houses as a direct result of Clearance Action during the year.

42 houses were found during the year to be not in all respects fit for human habitation and 53 houses in this category were made fit.

Two applications for "Well-Maintained" Payments under Section 30 of the Housing Act 1957 in respect of two houses the subject of Clearance Action received favourable consideration and payments of £60/0/0 and £56/0/0 were made.

No overcrowded houses were found during the year.

The construction of four Council Houses and ten Bungalows at Garton was completed during the year, a further two Houses at Garton and four Bungalows at Wansford were in the course of erection and the contract let in respect of four Bungalows at North Frodingham.

The total number of Council Houses occupied at the end of the year was 567. The waiting list for Council Houses showed 278 applications, divided into the following categories:-

A. Living and working in the Rural District ...	... 172
B. Living in Rural District but working elsewhere	... 30
C. Living elsewhere but working in Rural District	... 12
D. Living and working elsewhere, but has past associations with the Rural District ...	... 44
E. Living and working elsewhere and so far as can be seen from the application, has no connection with the Rural District ...	... 19
F. Living in Council Houses in the Rural District and requesting transfer	... 25

Of the 25 applications in category F, 19 are also included in category A and five in category B.

The improvement of houses in the District with Grant Aid continued to show a decrease over previous years.

Details of applications and completions during the year are as follows:-

STANDARD GRANT APPLICATIONS:-

No. of applications—

owner/occupied	12	Approved	12
tenanted	7	Approved	8
	—		—
	20		20

Seven Applications included an allowance for the construction of a new bathroom or the alteration of outbuildings to form a bathroom, six applications included an allowance for septic tank drainage and one application included an allowance for provision of a piped water supply to the dwelling for the first time.

25 Standard Grants were completed during the year.

The following amenities were provided:-

Fixed baths in Bathrooms ...	...	24
Wash Basins ...	...	24
Hot and cold water supplies	...	24
Water Closets ...	...	22
Food Stores ...	...	16

A total of 65 appliances were provided with hot and cold water points from the 24 supplies installed.

Of the 24 baths provided 12 included half the reasonable cost of the construction of a new bathroom and of the 24 W.C.s provided seven included half the reasonable cost of septic tank drainage. One completion included half the reasonable cost of providing a piped water supply for the first time.

Total amount paid in Grant	£3,813 10 6d.
Average Grant per house	£152 10 9d.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS:

No. of applications received —

owner/occupied	4	Approved	4
tenanted	12	Approved	12
		—	—
	16		16

In each instance 50% Grant was approved subject to the Statutory maximum of £400. 14 Discretionary grants were completed during the year and a total of £3,988 was paid in Grant, an average of £284/17/0 per dwelling.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registration and general inspections:-

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	No. of registered premises at year end	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	4	2
Retail Shops ...	—	15	12
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ...	—	—	—
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	—	4	4
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	1	23	18
	—	—	—

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises — 29.

(b) Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	18
Wholesale departments, Warehouses ...	Nil
Catering Establishments open to the public	28
Retail Shops	35
Canteens	Nil
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
	—
Total ...	81
	—
Total Males ... 26	Total Females ... 55

(c) Exemptions:

No exemptions from the provisions of the Act were applied for during the year.

(d) Reported Accidents:

No accidents were reported during the year.

FOOD

The routine inspection of food premises continued and the hygiene of the premises in general is good. Much informal advice was given and acted upon. 18 informal notices were served for contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, 12 of which had been complied with by the end of the year.

One complaint was received by the Department of unsatisfactory food, a foreign body in a loaf of bread. The Council resolved that letters be sent to the manufacturer and the retailer, drawing attention to the seriousness of selling food containing foreign material.

MILK

All licences for the sale of special designated milk are issued by the East Riding County Council. There are 20 licensed dealers in the district.

ICE CREAM

47 premises within the district are registered for the sale of ice cream and all but one sell ice cream of proprietary manufacture; the other being a manufactory which employs a cold mix method. One application was received for registration during the year, the premises, a garden centre, did not comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and were otherwise unsuitable, accordingly the application was refused.

12 samples of ice cream were taken for routine examination, eleven of which were classified Provisional Grade I and one in Provisional Grade II.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Slaughtering of animals for human consumption is carried out in a humane manner in the four licensed private slaughterhouses in the district.

The high standard of hygiene in the slaughterhouses was maintained during the year and 100 per cent inspection of all animals slaughtered was carried out.

Charges for meat inspection under the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, continued at the maximum, that is:—

Each bovine ...	...	2s. 6d.
Each calf or pig	...	9d.
Each sheep, lamb or goat		6d.

The following tables give further statistical details:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1011	132	1	1340	1751
Number inspected	1011	132	1	1340	1751
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercus Bovis.					
(a) Whole carcases condemned	1	1	—	1	6
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	290	43	1	29	319
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercus Bovis	28.98%	32.57%	100%	2.23%	18.56%

Tuberculosis only.

(a) Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	—	—	—	—	41
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2.39%

Cysticercus Bovis.

Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	4	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Details of condemnations are as follows:-

Tuberculosis.

	Beasts	Sheep	Pigs	Calves
Heads and Tongues ...	—	—	37	—
Mesenteries ...	—	—	3	—
Lungs ...	—	—	1	—

Other than Tuberculosis.

Carcases and Organs	2	1	6	—
Part Carcasses ...	2	3	19	—
Heads ...	5	—	2	—
Tongues ...	5	—	2	—
Livers ...	221	19	149	—
Part Livers ...	107	—	—	—
Lungs ...	39	18	186	1
Kidneys ...	1	—	8	—
Hearts ...	4	—	67	—
Udder ...	—	—	1	—
Spleen ...	1	—	—	—

Estimated total weight of condemned meat: 2 tons 13 cwts. 2 qtrs.

POULTRY INSPECTION

Regular visits have been paid to the major poultry dressing establishments in the district.

Advice has been given to the operators as to the construction of the premises and also the basic principles that must be observed in order to comply with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. Much co-operation has been obtained and a high standard of hygiene has been maintained.

Although it has not been possible to inspect all the poultry slaughtered, arrangements have been made with the operator that where he suspects any carcasses to be diseased he will detain them until seen by the Local Authority.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspection for purpose of provisions as to Health:

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	38	29	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises) ...	36	41	1	—
Total ...	75	70	3	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tem- perature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventila- tion (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conven- iences (S.7)						
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	1	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	3	2	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—

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